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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT PLAN, INTEGRATED
RESOURCES PLAN AND COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY
AND MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE UTILITY
STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-2 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsection (m) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (m) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes,
4 the decisions of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, including
5 but not limited to, decisions relating to rate amendments arising from
6 the Integrated Resources Plan, the Comprehensive Energy Strategy,
7 the Conservation Load Management Plan and policies established by
8 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall be
9 guided by said plans and strategy and such policies.

10 Sec. 2. Section 16-18a of the general statutes is amended by adding
11 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

12 (NEW) (c) For any proceeding before the Federal Energy Regulatory

13 Commission, the United States Department of Energy, the United
14 States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the United States Securities
15 and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the United
16 States Department of Justice or the Federal Communications
17 Commission, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the
18 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Office of
19 the Consumer Counsel may retain consultants to assist its respective
20 staff in such proceeding by providing expertise in areas in which staff
21 expertise does not currently exist or to supplement staff expertise. All
22 reasonable and proper expenses of such consultants shall be borne by
23 the public service companies, certified telecommunications providers,
24 electric suppliers or gas registrants affected by the decisions of such
25 proceeding and shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the
26 authority directs, provided such expenses (1) shall be apportioned in
27 proportion to the revenues of each affected entity as reported to the
28 authority pursuant to section 16-49 for the most recent fiscal year, and
29 (2) shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars per
30 proceeding, including any appeals thereof, in any calendar year, unless
31 the authority finds good cause for exceeding the limit. The authority
32 shall recognize all such expenses as proper business expenses of the
33 affected entities for ratemaking purposes pursuant to section 16-19e, if
34 applicable.

35 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy
36 and Environmental Protection shall be a party to each proceeding
37 before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and shall participate in
38 any such proceeding to the extent the commissioner deems necessary.
39 The commissioner may appeal, without having to demonstrate
40 aggrievement, to the Superior Court, as provided in chapter 54 of the
41 general statutes, from a decision, order or authorization in any such
42 proceeding that is a contested case, even if the commissioner failed to
43 appear or participate in such proceeding.

44 Sec. 4. Section 16-35 of the general statutes is amended by adding
45 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

46 (NEW) (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this title and title 16a,
47 proceedings in which the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
48 conducts a request for proposals or any other procurement process for
49 the purpose of acquiring electricity products or services for the benefit
50 of ratepayers shall be uncontested.

51 Sec. 5. Subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of section 16-244c of the
52 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
53 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

54 (5) For standard service contracts procured prior to [department]
55 the authority's approval of the [plan developed pursuant to section 16-
56 244m] Procurement Plan, each bidder for a standard service contract
57 shall submit its bid to the electric distribution company and the third-
58 party entity who shall jointly review the bids and submit an overview
59 of all bids together with a joint recommendation to the [department]
60 authority as to the preferred bidders. The [department] authority may,
61 within ten business days of submission of the overview, reject the
62 recommendation regarding preferred bidders. In the event that the
63 [department] authority rejects the preferred bids, the electric
64 distribution company and the third-party entity shall rebid the service
65 pursuant to this subdivision. The [department] authority shall review
66 each bid in an uncontested proceeding that shall include a public
67 hearing and in which any interested person, including, but not limited
68 to, the Consumer Counsel, [and] the Commissioner of Energy and
69 Environmental Protection or the Attorney General may participate.

70 Sec. 6. Section 16-244m of the general statutes is repealed and the
71 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

72 (a) (1) On or before January 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the
73 procurement manager of the [Department of Energy and
74 Environmental Protection] Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, in
75 consultation with each electric distribution company, and [with] others
76 at the procurement manager's discretion, including, but not limited to,

77 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, a
78 municipal energy cooperative established pursuant to chapter 101a,
79 other than entities, individuals and companies or their affiliates
80 potentially involved in bidding on standard service, shall develop a
81 plan for the procurement of electric generation services and related
82 wholesale electricity market products that will enable each electric
83 distribution company to manage a portfolio of contracts to reduce the
84 average cost of standard service while maintaining standard service
85 cost volatility within reasonable levels. Each [procurement plan]
86 Procurement Plan shall provide for the competitive solicitation for
87 load-following electric service and may include a provision for the use
88 of other contracts, including, but not limited to, contracts for
89 generation or other electricity market products and financial contracts,
90 and may provide for the use of varying lengths of contracts. If such
91 plan includes the purchase of full requirements contracts, it shall
92 include an explanation of why such purchases are in the best interests
93 of standard service customers.

94 (2) All reasonable costs associated with the development of the
95 Procurement Plan by the authority shall be recoverable through the
96 assessment in section 16-49. All electric distribution companies'
97 reasonable costs associated with the development of the Procurement
98 Plan shall be recoverable through a reconciling nonbypassable
99 component of the electric rates as determined by the authority.

100 (b) The procurement manager shall, not less than quarterly, [meet
101 with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and]
102 prepare a written report on the implementation of the [plan]
103 Procurement Plan. If the procurement manager finds that an interim
104 amendment to the annual [procurement] plan might substantially
105 further the goals of reducing the cost or cost volatility of standard
106 service, the procurement manager may petition the Public Utilities
107 Regulatory Authority for such an interim amendment. The Public
108 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall provide notice of the proposed
109 amendment to the Office of Consumer Counsel and the electric

110 distribution companies. The Office of Consumer Counsel and the
111 electric distribution companies shall have two business days from the
112 date of such notice to request an uncontested proceeding and a
113 technical meeting of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
114 regarding the proposed amendment, which proceeding and meeting
115 shall occur if requested. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority may
116 approve, modify or deny the proposed amendment, with such
117 approval, modification or denial following the technical meeting if one
118 is requested. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's ruling shall
119 occur within three business days after the technical meeting, if one is
120 requested, or within three business days of the expiration of the time
121 for requesting a technical meeting if no technical meeting is requested.
122 The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority may maintain the
123 confidentiality of the technical meeting to the full extent allowed by
124 law.

125 (c) The costs of procurement for standard service shall be borne
126 solely by the standard service customers.

127 (d) (1) The [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection]
128 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall conduct an uncontested
129 proceeding to approve, with any amendments it determines necessary,
130 [a procurement plan] the Procurement Plan submitted pursuant to
131 subsection (a) of this section.

132 (2) The [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection]
133 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall report annually in
134 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a to the joint standing
135 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
136 relating to energy regarding the [procurement plan] Procurement Plan
137 and its implementation. Any such report may be submitted
138 electronically.

139 Sec. 7. Section 16-245hh of the general statutes is repealed and the
140 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

141 The Connecticut Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority
142 created pursuant to section 16-245n, in consultation with the
143 [Department] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
144 shall establish a program to be known as the "condominium renewable
145 energy grant program". Under such program, the board of directors of
146 said authority shall provide grants to residential condominium
147 associations and residential condominium owners, within available
148 funds, for purchasing clean energy sources, including solar energy,
149 geothermal energy and fuel cells or other energy-efficient hydrogen-
150 fueled energy.

151 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 16a-3 of the general statutes is
152 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
153 *passage*):

154 (b) The board shall (1) report to the General Assembly on the status
155 of programs administered by the Department of Energy and
156 Environmental Protection [.] pursuant to title 16 or this title, and (2)
157 consult with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
158 Protection regarding the [integrated resource plan] Integrated
159 Resources Plan [developed pursuant to section 16a-3a,] and the
160 Comprehensive Energy Strategy. [and (3) review, within available
161 resources, requests from the General Assembly.]

162 Sec. 9. Section 16a-3a of the general statutes is repealed and the
163 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

164 (a) The [Department] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
165 Protection, in consultation with the Connecticut Energy Advisory
166 Board and the electric distribution companies, shall review the state's
167 energy and capacity resource assessment and [develop an integrated
168 resources plan] approve the Integrated Resources Plan for the
169 procurement of energy resources, including, but not limited to,
170 conventional and renewable generating facilities, energy efficiency,
171 load management, demand response, combined heat and power

172 facilities, distributed generation and other emerging energy
173 technologies to meet the projected requirements of their customers in a
174 manner that minimizes the cost of [such] all energy resources to
175 customers over time and maximizes consumer benefits consistent with
176 the state's environmental goals and standards. [Such integrated
177 resources plan] The Integrated Resources Plan shall seek to lower the
178 cost of electricity.

179 (b) On or before January 1, 2012, and biennially thereafter, the
180 [Department] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
181 in consultation with the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board and the
182 electric distribution companies, shall prepare an assessment of (1) the
183 energy and capacity requirements of customers for the next three, five
184 and ten years, (2) the manner of how best to eliminate growth in
185 electric demand, (3) how best to level electric demand in the state by
186 reducing peak demand and shifting demand to off-peak periods, (4)
187 the impact of current and projected environmental standards,
188 including, but not limited to, those related to greenhouse gas emissions
189 and the federal Clean Air Act goals and how different resources could
190 help achieve those standards and goals, (5) energy security and
191 economic risks associated with potential energy resources, and (6) the
192 estimated lifetime cost and availability of potential energy resources.

193 (c) Resource needs shall first be met through all available energy
194 efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost-effective,
195 reliable and feasible. The projected customer cost impact of any
196 demand-side resources considered pursuant to this subsection shall be
197 reviewed on an equitable basis with nondemand-side resources. The
198 [integrated resources plan] Integrated Resources Plan shall specify (1)
199 the total amount of energy and capacity resources needed to meet the
200 requirements of all customers, (2) the extent to which demand-side
201 measures, including efficiency, conservation, demand response and
202 load management can cost-effectively meet these needs in a manner
203 that ensures equity in benefits and cost reduction to all classes and
204 subclasses of consumers, (3) needs for generating capacity and

205 transmission and distribution improvements, (4) how the development
206 of such resources will reduce and stabilize the costs of electricity to
207 each class and subclass of consumers, and (5) the manner in which
208 each of the proposed resources should be procured, including the
209 optimal contract periods for various resources.

210 (d) The [integrated resources plan] Integrated Resources Plan shall
211 consider: (1) Approaches to maximizing the impact of demand-side
212 measures; (2) the extent to which generation needs can be met by
213 renewable and combined heat and power facilities; (3) the
214 optimization of the use of generation sites and generation portfolio
215 existing within the state; (4) fuel types, diversity, availability, firmness
216 of supply and security and environmental impacts thereof, including
217 impacts on meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission goals; (5)
218 reliability, peak load and energy forecasts, system contingencies and
219 existing resource availabilities; (6) import limitations and the
220 appropriate reliance on such imports; (7) the impact of the
221 [procurement plan] Integrated Resources Plan on the costs of electric
222 customers; and (8) the effects on participants and nonparticipants.
223 Such plan shall include options for lowering the rates and cost of
224 electricity. [The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
225 shall hold a public hearing on such integrated resources plan pursuant
226 to chapter 54. The commissioner may approve or reject such plan with
227 comments.]

228 (e) [The procurement manager of the Public Utilities Regulatory
229 Authority, in consultation with the electric distribution companies, the
230 regional independent system operator, and the Connecticut Energy
231 Advisory Board, shall develop a procurement plan and hold public
232 hearings on the proposed plan. Such hearings shall not constitute a
233 contested case and shall be held in accordance with chapter 54. The
234 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall give not less than fifteen
235 days' notice of such proceeding by electronic publication on the
236 department's Internet web site.] In approving the Integrated Resources
237 Plan, the commissioner shall conduct an uncontested proceeding that

238 shall include not less than one public meeting and one technical
239 meeting at which technical personnel shall be available to answer
240 questions. Such meetings shall be transcribed and posted on the
241 department's Internet web site. Not less than fifteen days before any
242 such public meeting and thirty days before any such technical meeting,
243 the commissioner shall publish notice of such meeting and post the
244 text of the Integrated Resources Plan on the department's Internet web
245 site. Notice of such [hearing] public meeting or technical meeting may
246 also be published in one or more newspapers having state-wide
247 circulation if deemed necessary by the commissioner. Such notice shall
248 state the date, time, and place of the [hearing] meeting, the subject
249 matter of the [hearing] meeting and time period during which
250 comments may be submitted to the commissioner, the statutory
251 authority for the proposed [integrated resources plan] Integrated
252 Resources Plan and the location where a copy of the proposed
253 [integrated resources] plan may be obtained or examined. [in addition
254 to posting the plan on the department's Internet web site.] The
255 commissioner shall provide a time period of not less than [forty-five]
256 sixty days from the date the notice is published on the department's
257 Internet web site for public review and comment. The commissioner
258 shall consider fully [, after all public meetings,] all written and oral
259 comments concerning the proposed [integrated resources plan and]
260 Integrated Resources Plan after all public meetings and before
261 approving the final plan. The commissioner shall [post on the
262 department's Internet web site and] (1) notify by electronic mail each
263 person who requests such notice, [. The commissioner shall make
264 available] and (2) post on the department's Internet web site the
265 electronic text of the final [integrated resources plan or an Internet web
266 site where the final integrated resources plan is posted,] Integrated
267 Resources Plan and a report summarizing [(1)] all public comments [,]
268 and [(2)] the changes made to the final [integrated resources] plan in
269 response to such comments and the reasons therefor. The
270 commissioner shall submit the final [integrated resources plan]
271 Integrated Resources Plan by electronic means, or as requested, to the

272 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
273 of matters relating to energy and the environment. [The department's
274 Bureau of Energy shall, after the public hearing, make
275 recommendations to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
276 Protection regarding plan modifications. Said commissioner shall
277 approve or reject the plan with comments.] The commissioner may
278 modify the Integrated Resources Plan to correct clerical errors at any
279 time without following the procedures outlined in this subsection.

280 (f) [On or before March 1, 2012] Not later than two years after the
281 adoption of the Integrated Resources Plan, and every two years
282 thereafter, the [Department] Commissioner of Energy and
283 Environmental Protection shall report to the joint standing committees
284 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
285 energy and the environment regarding goals established and progress
286 toward implementation of [the integrated resources plan established
287 pursuant to this section,] such plan, as well as any recommendations
288 [for the process.] concerning such plan. Any such report may be
289 submitted electronically.

290 (g) All reasonable costs associated with the department's
291 development of the resource assessment and [the development of the
292 integrated resources plan and the procurement plan] the Integrated
293 Resources Plan shall be recoverable through the assessment in section
294 16-49. All electric distribution companies' reasonable costs associated
295 with the development of the plan shall be recoverable through a
296 reconciling nonbypassable component of electric rates as determined
297 by the authority.

298 (h) [The decisions of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall
299 be guided by the goals of the Department of Energy and
300 Environmental Protection, as described in section 22a-2d, and with the
301 goals of the integrated resources plan approved pursuant to this
302 section and the comprehensive energy plan developed pursuant to
303 section 16a-3d and shall be based on the evidence in the record of each

304 proceeding.] In the event that the Integrated Resources Plan finalized
305 by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
306 contains any provision the implementation of which requires funding
307 through new or amended rates or charges, the Public Utilities
308 Regulatory Authority may open a proceeding to review such
309 provision, in accordance with the procedures established in sections
310 16-19 and 16-19e to ensure that rates remain just and reasonable.

311 Sec. 10. Section 16a-3b of the general statutes is repealed and the
312 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

313 (a) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall oversee the
314 implementation of the [integrated resources plan, approved by the
315 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to
316 section 16a-3a] Integrated Resources Plan and the Procurement Plan.
317 The electric distribution companies shall implement the demand-side
318 measures, including, but not limited to, energy efficiency, load
319 management, demand response, combined heat and power facilities,
320 distributed generation and other emerging energy technologies,
321 specified in [said plan through] the Integrated Resources Plan and
322 included in the comprehensive [conservation and load management
323 plan prepared pursuant to section 16-245m for review] Conservation
324 and Load Management Plan approved by the Energy Conservation
325 Management Board and the Commissioner of Energy and
326 Environmental Protection. The electric distribution companies shall
327 submit proposals to appropriate regulatory agencies to address
328 transmission and distribution upgrades as specified in [said plan] the
329 Integrated Resources Plan.

330 (b) [If the integrated resources plan specifies the construction of a
331 generating facility] When the Integrated Resources Plan contains an
332 option to procure new sources of generation, the authority shall
333 develop and issue a request for proposals, shall publish such request
334 for proposals in one or more newspapers or periodicals, as selected by
335 the authority, and shall post such request for proposals on its Internet

336 web site. In considering proposals submitted pursuant to this request,
337 the authority shall give preference to proposals for generation without
338 any financial assistance, including, but not limited to, long-term
339 contract financing or ratepayer guarantees. Pursuant to a
340 nondisclosure agreement, the authority shall make available to the
341 commissioner, the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Attorney
342 General all confidential bid information it receives pursuant to this
343 subsection, provided the bids and any analysis of such bids shall not
344 be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Three
345 months after the authority issues a final decision, it shall make
346 available all financial bid information, provided such information
347 regarding the bidders not selected be presented in a manner that
348 conceals the identities of such bidders.

349 (1) On and after July 1, 2008, an electric distribution company may
350 submit proposals in response to a request for proposals on the same
351 basis as other respondents to the solicitation. A proposal submitted by
352 an electric distribution company shall include its full projected costs
353 such that any project costs recovered from or defrayed by ratepayers
354 are included in the projected costs. An electric distribution company
355 submitting any such bid shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
356 authority that its bid is not supported in any form of cross
357 subsidization by affiliated entities. If the authority approves such
358 electric distribution company's proposal, the costs and revenues of
359 such proposal shall not be included in calculating such company's
360 earning for purposes of, or in determining whether its rates are just
361 and reasonable under, sections 16-19, 16-19a and 16-19e. An electric
362 distribution company shall not recover more than the full costs
363 identified in any approved proposal. Affiliates of the electric
364 distribution company may submit proposals pursuant to section 16-
365 244h, regulations adopted pursuant to section 16-244h and other
366 requirements the authority may impose.

367 (2) If the authority selects a nonelectric distribution company
368 proposal, an electric distribution company shall, within thirty days of

369 the selection of a proposal by the authority, negotiate in good faith the
370 final terms of a contract with a generating facility and shall apply to
371 the authority for approval of such contract. Upon authority approval,
372 the electric distribution company shall enter into such contract.

373 (3) The authority shall determine the appropriate manner of cost
374 recovery for proposals selected pursuant to this section.

375 (4) The authority may retain the services of a third-party entity with
376 expertise in the area of energy procurement to oversee the
377 development of the request for proposals and to assist the authority in
378 its approval of proposals pursuant to this section. The reasonable and
379 proper expenses for retaining such third-party entity shall be
380 recoverable through the generation services charge.

381 (c) The electric distribution companies shall issue requests for
382 proposals to acquire any other resource needs not identified in
383 subsection (a) or (b) of this section but specified in the [integrated
384 resources plan] Integrated Resources Plan approved by the
385 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to
386 section 16a-3a, as amended by this act. Such requests for proposals
387 shall be subject to approval by the authority.

388 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 16a-3c of the general statutes is
389 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
390 *passage*):

391 (a) On and after July 1, 2011, if the Public Utilities Regulatory
392 Authority does not receive and approve proposals [pursuant to the
393 requests for proposals processes, pursuant to section 16a-3b,] sufficient
394 to reach the goal set by the [integrated resources plan approved
395 pursuant to section 16a-3a] Integrated Resources Plan, the authority
396 may order an electric distribution company to submit for the
397 authority's review in a contested case proceeding, in accordance with
398 chapter 54, a proposal to build and operate an electric generation
399 facility in the state. An electric distribution company shall be eligible to

400 recover its prudently incurred costs consistent with the principles set
401 forth in section 16-19e for any generation project approved pursuant to
402 this section.

403 Sec. 12. Section 16a-3d of the general statutes is repealed and the
404 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

405 (a) On or before ~~[July 1, 2012]~~ October 1, 2013, and every three years
406 thereafter, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
407 in consultation with the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, shall
408 prepare a ~~[comprehensive energy plan]~~ Comprehensive Energy
409 Strategy. Such ~~[plan]~~ strategy shall reflect the legislative findings and
410 policy stated in section 16a-35k and shall incorporate (1) an assessment
411 and plan for all energy needs in the state, including, but not limited to,
412 electricity, heating, cooling, and transportation, (2) the findings of the
413 ~~[integrated resources plan]~~ Integrated Resources Plan, (3) the findings
414 of the plan for energy efficiency adopted pursuant to section 16-245m,
415 ~~[and]~~ (4) the findings of the plan for renewable energy adopted
416 pursuant to section 16-245n, and (5) the Energy Assurance Plan
417 developed for the state of Connecticut pursuant to the American
418 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, or any successor
419 Energy Assurance Plan developed within a reasonable time prior to
420 the preparation of any such Comprehensive Energy Strategy. Such
421 ~~[plan]~~ strategy shall further include, but not be limited to, (A) an
422 assessment of current energy supplies, demand and costs, (B)
423 identification and evaluation of the factors likely to affect future
424 energy supplies, demand and costs, (C) a statement of progress made
425 toward achieving the goals and milestones set in the preceding
426 ~~[comprehensive energy plan]~~ Comprehensive Energy Strategy, (D) a
427 statement of energy policies and long-range energy planning
428 objectives and strategies appropriate to achieve, among other things, a
429 sound economy, the least-cost mix of energy supply sources and
430 measures that reduce demand for energy, giving due regard to such
431 factors as consumer price impacts, security and diversity of fuel
432 supplies and energy generating methods, protection of public health

433 and safety, environmental goals and standards, conservation of energy
434 and energy resources and the ability of the state to compete
435 economically, (E) recommendations for administrative and legislative
436 actions to implement such policies, objectives and strategies, (F) an
437 assessment of the potential costs savings and benefits to ratepayers,
438 including, but not limited to, carbon dioxide emissions reductions or
439 voluntary joint ventures to repower some or all of the state's coal-fired
440 and oil-fired generation facilities built before 1990, and (G) the benefits,
441 costs, obstacles and solutions related to the expansion and use and
442 availability of natural gas in Connecticut. If the department finds that
443 such expansion is in the public interest, it shall develop a plan to
444 increase the use and availability of natural gas. [for transportation
445 purposes.]

446 (b) In adopting the [comprehensive energy plan] Comprehensive
447 Energy Strategy, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
448 Protection [, or the commissioner's designee,] shall conduct a
449 proceeding [and such proceeding] that shall not be considered a
450 contested case under chapter 54, [provided a hearing pursuant to
451 chapter 54 shall be held] but shall include not less than one public
452 meeting and one technical meeting at which technical personnel shall
453 be available to answer questions. Such meetings shall be transcribed
454 and posted on the department's Internet web site. The commissioner
455 shall give not less than fifteen days' notice of such proceeding by
456 electronic publication on the department's Internet web site. Not later
457 than fifteen days prior to any such public meeting and not less than
458 thirty days prior to any such technical meeting, the commissioner shall
459 publish notice of either such meeting on the department's Internet web
460 site. Notice of such [hearing] public meeting or technical meeting may
461 also be published in one or more newspapers having state-wide
462 circulation if deemed necessary by the commissioner. Such notice shall
463 state the date, time, and place of the meeting, the manner and time
464 period during which comments may be submitted to the
465 commissioner, the subject matter of the meeting, the statutory

466 authority for the proposed [plan] strategy and the location where a
467 copy of the proposed [plan] strategy may be obtained or examined in
468 addition to posting the [plan] proposed strategy on the department's
469 Internet web site. [The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall
470 comment on the plan's impact on ratepayers and any other person may
471 comment on the proposed plan.] The commissioner shall provide a
472 time period of not less than [forty-five] sixty days from the date the
473 notice is published on the department's Internet web site for public
474 review and comment. During such time period, any person may
475 provide comments concerning the proposed strategy to the
476 commissioner. The commissioner shall consider fully [, after all public
477 meetings] all written and oral comments concerning the proposed
478 [plan and shall post on the department's Internet web site, and]
479 strategy after all public meetings and technical meetings and before
480 approving the final strategy. The commissioner shall (1) notify by
481 electronic mail each person who requests such notice, [. The
482 commissioner shall make available] and (2) and post on the
483 department's Internet web site the electronic text of the final [plan]
484 strategy [or an Internet web site where the final plan is posted,] and a
485 report summarizing [(1)] all public comments [,] and [(2)] the changes
486 made to the final [plan] strategy in response to such comments and the
487 reasons [therefore] therefor. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
488 shall comment on the strategy's impact on natural gas and electric
489 rates.

490 (c) The commissioner shall submit the final [plan] strategy
491 electronically to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
492 having cognizance of matters relating to energy and the environment.

493 (d) The commissioner may, in consultation with the Connecticut
494 Energy Advisory Board, modify the [comprehensive energy plan]
495 Comprehensive Energy Strategy in accordance with the procedures
496 outlined in subsections (b) and (c) of this section. [The commissioner
497 may approve or reject such plan with comments.]

498 [(e) The decisions of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall
499 be guided by the goals of the Department of Energy and
500 Environmental Protection, as listed in section 22a-2d, and by the goals
501 of the comprehensive energy plan and the integrated resources plan
502 approved pursuant to section 16a-3a and shall be based on the
503 evidence in the record of each proceeding.

504 (f) All electric distribution companies' reasonable costs associated
505 with the development of the resource assessment shall be recoverable
506 through the systems benefits charge.]

507 Sec. 13. Section 16a-3e of the general statutes is repealed and the
508 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

509 (a) The [integrated resources plan developed pursuant to section
510 16a-3a,] Integrated Resources Plan to be adopted in 2012 and annually
511 thereafter, shall (1) indicate specific options to reduce [the price of
512 electricity] electric rates and costs. Such options may include the
513 procurement of new sources of generation. In the review of new
514 sources of generation, the [integrated resources plan] Integrated
515 Resources Plan shall indicate whether the private wholesale market
516 can supply such additional sources or whether state financial
517 assistance, long-term purchasing of electricity contracts or other
518 interventions are needed to achieve the goal; (2) analyze in-state
519 renewable sources of electricity in comparison to transmission line
520 upgrades or new projects and out-of-state renewable energy sources,
521 provided such analysis also considers the benefits of additional jobs
522 and other economic impacts and how they are created and subsidized;
523 (3) include an examination of average consumption and other states'
524 best practices to determine why electricity rates are lower elsewhere in
525 the region; (4) assess and compare the cost of transmission line
526 projects, new power sources, renewable sources of electricity,
527 conservation and distributed generation projects to ensure the state
528 pursues only the least-cost alternative projects; (5) continually monitor
529 supply and distribution systems to identify potential need for

530 transmission line projects early enough to identify alternatives; and (6)
531 assess the least-cost alternative to address reliability concerns,
532 including, but not limited to, lowering electricity demand through
533 conservation and distributed generation projects before an electric
534 distribution company submits a proposal for transmission lines or
535 transmission line upgrades to the independent system operator or the
536 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, provided no provision of
537 such plan shall be deemed to prohibit an electric distribution company
538 from making any filing required by law or regulation.

539 [(b) If, on and after July 1, 2012, the 2012 integrated resources plan
540 or any subsequent plan contains an option to procure new sources of
541 generation, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
542 shall pursue the most cost-effective approach. If the department seeks
543 new sources of generation, it shall issue a notice of interest for
544 generation without any financial assistance, including, but not limited
545 to, long-term contract financing or ratepayer guarantees. If the
546 department fails to receive any responsive cost-effective proposal, it
547 shall issue a request for proposals that may include such financial
548 assistance.]

549 [(c)] (b) On or before February 1, 2012, the department shall report
550 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
551 cognizance of matters relating to energy regarding state policy and
552 legislative changes the department feels would most likely lower the
553 state's electricity rates.

554 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 16a-7b of the general statutes is
555 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
556 *passage*):

557 (b) No municipality other than a municipality operating a plant
558 pursuant to chapter 101 or any special act and acting for purposes
559 thereto may take an action to condemn, in whole or in part, or restrict
560 the operation of any existing and currently operating energy facility, if

561 such facility is first determined by the Public Utilities Regulatory
562 Authority, following a contested case proceeding, held in accordance
563 with the provisions of chapter 54, to comprise a critical, unique and
564 unmovable component of the state's energy infrastructure, unless the
565 municipality first receives written approval from the [department, the
566 Connecticut Energy Advisory Board] Commissioner of Energy and
567 Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council that such
568 taking would not have a detrimental impact on the state's or region's
569 ability to provide a particular energy resource to its citizens.

570 Sec. 15. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of section 16a-37u of the
571 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
572 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

573 (c) Any state agency or municipality may enter into an energy-
574 savings performance contract, as defined in section 16a-37x, with a
575 qualified energy service provider, as defined in said section 16a-37x, to
576 produce utility cost savings, as defined in said section 16a-37x, or
577 operation and maintenance cost savings, as defined in said section 16a-
578 37x. Any energy-savings measure, as defined in said section 16a-37x,
579 implemented under such contracts shall comply with state [or local]
580 building [codes] code and local building requirements. Any state
581 agency or municipality may implement other capital improvements in
582 conjunction with an energy-savings performance contract as long as
583 the measures that are being implemented to achieve utility and
584 operation and maintenance cost savings and other capital
585 improvements are in the aggregate cost effective over the term of the
586 contract.

587 (d) On or before January 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the
588 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
589 11-4a, on the status of its implementation of the plan and provide
590 recommendations regarding energy use in state buildings to the joint
591 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
592 matters relating to energy. Any such report may be submitted

593 electronically.

594 (e) Not later than January fifth, annually, the commissioner shall
 595 submit a report to the Governor and the joint standing committee of
 596 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy
 597 planning and activities. The report shall (1) indicate the total number
 598 of energy audits and technical assistance audits of state-owned and
 599 leased buildings, (2) summarize the status of the energy conservation
 600 measures recommended by such audits, (3) summarize all energy
 601 conservation measures implemented during the preceding twelve
 602 months in state-owned and leased buildings which have not had such
 603 audits, (4) analyze the availability and allocation of funds to
 604 implement the measures recommended under subdivision (2) of this
 605 subsection, (5) list each budgeted agency, as defined in section 4-69,
 606 which occupies a state-owned or leased building and has not
 607 cooperated with the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the
 608 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection in conducting
 609 energy and technical assistance audits of such building and
 610 implementing operational and maintenance improvements
 611 recommended by such audits and any other energy conservation
 612 measures required for such building by the [secretary] Commissioner
 613 of Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
 614 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (6) summarize all
 615 life-cycle cost analyses prepared under section 16a-38 during the
 616 preceding twelve months, and summarize agency compliance with the
 617 life-cycle cost analyses, and (7) identify any state laws, regulations or
 618 procedures that impede innovative energy conservation and load
 619 management projects in state buildings. Any such report may be
 620 submitted electronically.

621 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 16a-40l of the general statutes is
 622 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 623 *passage*):

624 (a) On or before October 1, 2011, the Department of Energy and

625 Environmental Protection shall establish a residential heating
626 equipment financing program. Such program shall allow residential
627 customers to finance, through on-bill financing or other mechanism,
628 the installation of energy efficient natural gas or heating oil burners,
629 boilers and furnaces or ductless heat pumps to replace (1) burners,
630 boilers and furnaces that are not less than seven years old with an
631 efficiency rating of not more than seventy-five per cent, or (2) electric
632 heating systems. Eligible fuel oil furnaces shall have an efficiency
633 rating of not less than eighty-six per cent. An eligible fuel oil burner
634 shall have an efficiency rating of not less than eighty-six per cent with
635 temperature reset controls. An eligible natural gas boiler shall have an
636 annual fuel utilization efficiency rating of not less than ninety per cent
637 and an eligible natural gas furnace shall have an annual fuel utilization
638 efficiency rating of not less than ninety-five per cent. To participate in
639 the program established pursuant to this subsection, a customer shall
640 first have a home energy audit, the cost of which may be financed
641 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

642 Sec. 17. Section 16a-46h of the general statutes is repealed and the
643 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

644 [(a)] Each electric, gas or heating fuel customer, regardless of
645 heating source, shall be assessed fees, charges, co-pays or other similar
646 terms to access any audits administered by the Home Energy Solutions
647 program that reflect the contributions made to the Energy Efficiency
648 Fund by each such customer's respective customer type, [provided
649 such fees, charges, copays and other similar terms shall not exceed a
650 total of ninety-nine dollars for any such audit.]

651 [(b) After August 1, 2013, the costs of subsidizing such audits to
652 ratepayers whose primary source of heat is not electricity or natural
653 gas shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars per year.]

654 Sec. 18. Subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of section 16a-48 of the
655 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

656 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

657 (b) The provisions of this section apply to the testing, certification
658 and enforcement of efficiency standards for the following types of new
659 products sold, offered for sale or installed in the state: (1) Commercial
660 clothes washers; (2) commercial refrigerators and freezers; (3)
661 illuminated exit signs; (4) large packaged air-conditioning equipment;
662 (5) low voltage dry-type distribution transformers; (6) torchiere
663 lighting fixtures; (7) traffic signal modules; (8) unit heaters; (9)
664 residential furnaces and boilers; (10) residential pool pumps; (11) metal
665 halide lamp fixtures; (12) single voltage external AC to DC power
666 supplies; (13) state regulated incandescent reflector lamps; (14) bottle-
667 type water dispensers; (15) commercial hot food holding cabinets; (16)
668 portable electric spas; (17) walk-in refrigerators and walk-in freezers;
669 (18) pool heaters; (19) compact audio players; (20) televisions; (21)
670 digital versatile disc players; (22) digital versatile disc recorders; and
671 (23) any other products as may be designated by the [department]
672 commissioner in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of
673 this section.

674 (c) The provisions of this section do not apply to (1) new products
675 manufactured in the state and sold outside the state, (2) new products
676 manufactured outside the state and sold at wholesale inside the state
677 for final retail sale and installation outside the state, (3) products
678 installed in mobile manufactured homes at the time of construction, or
679 (4) products designed expressly for installation and use in recreational
680 vehicles.

681 (d) (1) The [department] Commissioner of Energy and
682 Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
683 the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this
684 section and to establish minimum energy efficiency standards for the
685 types of new products set forth in subsection (b) of this section. The
686 regulations shall provide for the following minimum energy efficiency
687 standards:

688 (A) Commercial clothes washers shall meet the requirements shown
689 in Table P-3 of section 1605.3 of the California Code of Regulations,
690 Title 20: Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 4;

691 (B) Commercial refrigerators and freezers shall meet the August 1,
692 2004, requirements shown in Table A-6 of said California regulation;

693 (C) Illuminated exit signs shall meet the version 2.0 product
694 specification of the "Energy Star Program Requirements for Exit Signs"
695 developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

696 (D) Large packaged air-conditioning equipment having not more
697 than seven hundred sixty thousand BTUs per hour of capacity shall
698 meet a minimum energy efficiency ratio of 10.0 for units using both
699 electric heat and air conditioning or units solely using electric air
700 conditioning, and 9.8 for units using both natural gas heat and electric
701 air conditioning;

702 (E) Large packaged air-conditioning equipment having not less than
703 seven hundred sixty-one thousand BTUs per hour of capacity shall
704 meet a minimum energy efficiency ratio of 9.7 for units using both
705 electric heat and air conditioning or units solely using electric air
706 conditioning, and 9.5 for units using both natural gas heat and electric
707 air conditioning;

708 (F) Low voltage dry-type distribution transformers shall meet or
709 exceed the energy efficiency values shown in Table 4-2 of the National
710 Electrical Manufacturers Association Standard TP-1-2002;

711 (G) Torchiere lighting fixtures shall not consume more than one
712 hundred ninety watts and shall not be capable of operating with lamps
713 that total more than one hundred ninety watts;

714 (H) Traffic signal modules shall meet the product specification of
715 the "Energy Star Program Requirements for Traffic Signals" developed
716 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency that took effect

717 in February, 2001, except where the department, in consultation with
718 the Commissioner of Transportation, determines that such
719 specification would compromise safe signal operation;

720 (I) Unit heaters shall not have pilot lights and shall have either
721 power venting or an automatic flue damper;

722 (J) On or after January 1, 2009, residential furnaces and boilers
723 purchased by the state shall meet or exceed the following annual fuel
724 utilization efficiency: (i) For gas and propane furnaces, ninety per cent
725 annual fuel utilization efficiency, (ii) for oil furnaces, eighty-three per
726 cent annual fuel utilization efficiency, (iii) for gas and propane hot
727 water boilers, eighty-four per cent annual fuel utilization efficiency,
728 (iv) for oil-fired hot water boilers, eighty-four per cent annual fuel
729 utilization efficiency, (v) for gas and propane steam boilers, eighty-two
730 per cent annual fuel utilization efficiency, (vi) for oil-fired steam
731 boilers, eighty-two per cent annual fuel utilization efficiency, and (vii)
732 for furnaces with furnace air handlers, an electricity ratio of not more
733 than 2.0, except air handlers for oil furnaces with a capacity of less than
734 ninety-four thousand BTUs per hour shall have an electricity ratio of
735 2.3 or less;

736 (K) On or after January 1, 2010, metal halide lamp fixtures designed
737 to be operated with lamps rated greater than or equal to one hundred
738 fifty watts but less than or equal to five hundred watts shall not
739 contain a probe-start metal halide lamp ballast;

740 (L) Single-voltage external AC to DC power supplies manufactured
741 on or after January 1, 2008, shall meet the energy efficiency standards
742 of table U-1 of section 1605.3 of the January 2006 California Code of
743 Regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 4: Appliance
744 Efficiency Regulations. This standard applies to single voltage AC to
745 DC power supplies that are sold individually and to those that are sold
746 as a component of or in conjunction with another product. This
747 standard shall not apply to single-voltage external AC to DC power

748 supplies sold with products subject to certification by the United States
749 Food and Drug Administration. A single-voltage external AC to DC
750 power supply that is made available by a manufacturer directly to a
751 consumer or to a service or repair facility after and separate from the
752 original sale of the product requiring the power supply as a service
753 part or spare part shall not be required to meet the standards in said
754 table U-1 until five years after the effective dates indicated in the table;

755 (M) On or after January 1, 2009, state regulated incandescent
756 reflector lamps shall be manufactured to meet the minimum average
757 lamp efficacy requirements for federally regulated incandescent
758 reflector lamps contained in 42 USC 6295(i)(1)(A). Each lamp shall
759 indicate the date of manufacture;

760 (N) On or after January 1, 2009, bottle-type water dispensers,
761 commercial hot food holding cabinets, portable electric spas, walk-in
762 refrigerators and walk-in freezers shall meet the efficiency
763 requirements of section 1605.3 of the January 2006 California Code of
764 Regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 4: Appliance
765 Efficiency Regulations. On or after January 1, 2010, residential pool
766 pumps shall meet said efficiency requirements;

767 (O) On or after January 1, 2009, pool heaters shall meet the
768 efficiency requirements of sections 1605.1 and 1605.3 of the January
769 2006 California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 4,
770 Article 4: Appliance Efficiency Regulations;

771 (P) By January 1, 2014, compact audio players, digital versatile disc
772 players and digital versatile disc recorders shall meet the requirements
773 shown in Table V-1 of Section 1605.3 of the November 2009
774 amendments to the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Division 2,
775 Chapter 4, Article 4, unless the commissioner, in accordance with
776 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of this subsection, determines that
777 such standards are unwarranted and may accept, reject or modify
778 according to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of this subsection;

779 (Q) On or after January 1, 2014, televisions manufactured on or after
780 July 1, 2011, shall meet the requirements shown in Table V-2 of Section
781 1605.3 of the November 2009 amendments to the California Code of
782 Regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 4, unless the
783 commissioner, in accordance with subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3)
784 of this subsection, determines that such standards are unwarranted
785 and may accept, reject or modify according to subparagraph (A) of
786 subdivision (3) of this subsection; and

787 (R) In addition to the requirements of subparagraph (Q) of this
788 subdivision, televisions manufactured on or after January 1, 2014, shall
789 meet the efficiency requirements of Sections 1605.3(v)(3)(A),
790 1605.3(v)(3)(B) and 1605.3(v)(3)(C) of the November 2009 amendments
791 to the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 4,
792 Article 4, unless the commissioner, in accordance with subparagraph
793 (B) of subdivision (3) of this subsection, determines that such
794 standards are unwarranted and may accept, reject or modify according
795 to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of this subsection.

796 (2) Such efficiency standards, where in conflict with the State
797 Building Code, shall take precedence over the standards contained in
798 the Building Code. Not later than July 1, 2007, and biennially
799 thereafter, the [department] Commissioner of Energy and
800 Environmental Protection shall review and increase the level of such
801 efficiency standards by adopting regulations in accordance with the
802 provisions of chapter 54 upon a determination that increased efficiency
803 standards would serve to promote energy conservation in the state and
804 would be cost-effective for consumers who purchase and use such new
805 products, provided no such increased efficiency standards shall
806 become effective within one year following the adoption of any
807 amended regulations providing for such increased efficiency
808 standards.

809 (3) (A) The [department] Commissioner of Energy and
810 Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with

811 the provisions of chapter 54, to designate additional products to be
812 subject to the provisions of this section and to establish efficiency
813 standards for such products upon a determination that such efficiency
814 standards (i) would serve to promote energy conservation in the state,
815 (ii) would be cost-effective for consumers who purchase and use such
816 new products, and (iii) would not impose an unreasonable burden on
817 Connecticut businesses.

818 (B) The [department] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
819 Protection, in consultation with the Multi-State Appliance Standards
820 Collaborative, shall identify additional appliance and equipment
821 efficiency standards. The commissioner shall review all California
822 standards and may review standards from other states in such
823 collaborative. The commissioner shall issue notice of such review in
824 the Connecticut Law Journal, allow for public comment and may hold
825 a public hearing within six months of adoption of an efficiency
826 standard by a cooperative member state regarding a product for which
827 no equivalent Connecticut or federal standard currently exists. The
828 [department] commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with
829 the provisions of chapter 54 adopting such efficiency standard unless
830 the [department] commissioner makes a specific finding that such
831 standard does not meet the criteria in subparagraph (A) of this
832 subdivision.

833 (e) On or after July 1, 2006, except for commercial clothes washers,
834 for which the date shall be July 1, 2007, commercial refrigerators and
835 freezers, for which the date shall be July 1, 2008, and large packaged
836 air-conditioning equipment, for which the date shall be July 1, 2009, no
837 new product of a type set forth in subsection (b) of this section or
838 designated by the [department] Commissioner of Energy and
839 Environmental Protection may be sold, offered for sale, or installed in
840 the state unless the energy efficiency of the new product meets or
841 exceeds the efficiency standards set forth in such regulations adopted
842 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

843 (f) The [department] Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
844 Protection shall adopt procedures for testing the energy efficiency of
845 the new products set forth in subsection (b) of this section or
846 designated by the [department] commissioner if such procedures are
847 not provided for in the State Building Code. The [department]
848 commissioner shall use United States Department of Energy approved
849 test methods, or in the absence of such test methods, other appropriate
850 nationally recognized test methods. The manufacturers of such
851 products shall cause samples of such products to be tested in
852 accordance with the test procedures adopted pursuant to this
853 subsection or those specified in the State Building Code.

854 (g) Manufacturers of new products set forth in subsection (b) of this
855 section or designated by the [department] Commissioner of Energy
856 and Environmental Protection shall certify to the commissioner that
857 such products are in compliance with the provisions of this section,
858 except that certification is not required for single voltage external AC
859 to DC power supplies and walk-in refrigerators and walk-in freezers.
860 All single voltage external AC to DC power supplies shall be labeled as
861 described in the January 2006 California Code of Regulations, Title 20,
862 Section 1607 (9). The [department] commissioner shall promulgate
863 regulations governing the certification of such products. The
864 commissioner shall publish an annual list of such products.

865 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 16-19kk of the general statutes is
866 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
867 *passage*):

868 (b) The authority shall complete, on or before December 31, 1991, an
869 investigation into the relationship between a company's volume of
870 sales and its earnings. The authority shall, on or before July 1, 1993,
871 implement rate-making and other procedures and practices in order to
872 encourage the implementation of conservation and load management
873 programs and other programs authorized by the authority promoting
874 the state's economic development, energy and other policy. Such

875 procedures to implement a modification or elimination of any direct
876 relationship between the volume of sales and the earnings of electric,
877 gas, telephone and water companies may include the adoption of a
878 sales adjustment clause pursuant to subsection [(i)] (j) of section 16-
879 19b, or other adjustment clause similar thereto. The authority's
880 investigation shall include a review of its regulations and policies to
881 identify any existing disincentives to the development and
882 implementation of cost effective conservation and load management
883 programs and other programs promoting the state's economic
884 development, energy and other policy.

885 Sec. 20. Sections 16-2c and 16a-41i of the general statutes are
886 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-2
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	16-18a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	16-35
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	16-244c(c)(5)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	16-244m
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	16-245hh
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	16a-3(b)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	16a-3a
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	16a-3b
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	16a-3c(a)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	16a-3d
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	16a-3e
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	16a-7b(b)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	16a-37u(c) to (e)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	16a-40l(a)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	16a-46h
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	16a-48(b) to (g)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	16-19kk(b)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Office of Consumer Counsel to retain consultants in federal proceedings, to permit the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to be a party to each proceeding before the authority, to clarify that certain proceedings for the procurement of electricity are uncontested, to change references from department to commissioner, and to make minor changes to the Procurement Plan, Integrated Resources Plan and Comprehensive Energy Strategy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]